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EASTER SUNDAY

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:17-19).

An atheist said once, "We don't need God anymore. Through science, technology, and education we not only know what our problems are, but we also know how to solve them." Someone asked him, "How do you solve the problem of death?" The atheist had no answer.

At Easter we celebrate the solution of the greatest problem man faces: death.

If there is no resurrection, says St. Paul, our faith is empty.

If there is no resurrection, we are still in our sins.

If there is no resurrection, our loved ones who have fallen asleep have perished.

If there is no resurrection, we have no hope; we are of all men most to be pitied.

If there is no resurrection, love stops with death. God's love cannot reach beyond the grave.

If there is no resurrection, there is no justice. The books will never be balanced. Truth, virtue, goodness will remain crucified forever.

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life we who are in Christ have only hope, we are of all men most to be pitied."

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep," continues St. Paul. "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:20-22). Because Christ did in fact rise from the dead, our faith is not futile; our sins are forgiven; our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord have not perished; we do have hope; God's love does reach beyond the grave; there is justice.

EASTER SUNDAY CONTINUED..

A NEW MOOD FOR LIVING

Christ's resurrection has created an entirely new mood for living. It has transformed us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

Death is still with us. But it is now a defeated enemy. Job's question: *"If a man die, shall he live again?"* is answered by the Resurrected Christ, *"Whoever lives and believes in me has life eternal."* The victory is Christ's!

It was this faith that enabled a person with a terminal illness to pray, *"Dear Jesus, if You take me now, it is all right because wherever I go I will be with You."*

Suffering is still with us. But it is now a defeated enemy. *"I reckon that the sufferings of the present moment are not worthy to be compared with the glory that will be revealed to us in the life to come,"* says Paul. *"In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,"* said Jesus. The victory is Christ's!

Sin is still with us. But now as a defeated enemy. Through Christ we have forgiveness; we have also the power to overcome. *"We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."* No matter what kind of tomb you have buried yourself in through sin, Christ can liberate you. The victory is Christ's!

Evil is still with us. But now as a defeated enemy. On Good Friday we may have said of Christ, *"If this is what happens to a good man, why should one lead a good life?"* But on Easter Sunday we know that that is not what happens to a good man. Virtue will always triumph. Ultimately evil will be overcome. This is what the second coming of Jesus is all about. The victory is Christ's!

A German pastor was accused of high treason by the Nazis and sentenced to death. Before the execution the godless hangman wanted to make his last joke with the man of God. Flaunting his pistol, the hangman sneered, *"Five minutes yet, then it is all over. Where is your Almighty God now?"*

Trembling in voice but steady in heart the pastor replied, *"Oh, yes; that you have the power today, any child can see. Maybe you will have the power tomorrow, too. But don't forget, there will still be a third day. And that belongs to God."* With these words he died.

EASTER SUNDAY CONTINUED...

The "third day" always belongs to God and to those who are living members of His Body - the Church. The victory is Christ's!

Our Easter liturgy concludes with the beautiful words of St. John Chrysostom:

"O Death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen and thou art overthrown. Christ is risen and the demons have fallen. Christ is risen and the Angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is liberated. Christ is risen and there is none dead in the tomb. For Christ is raised from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. To Him be glory and power from all Ages to all Ages."

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What is Religion All About?

"Sir, we want to see Jesus"

(John 12:21)

Nearly 2 000 years ago certain Greeks approached Philip the disciple and asked a very simple request.

"Sir," they said, "we want to see Jesus."

2000 years later, we Greeks seem to be asking for many things (wealth, good exam results, entertainment, etc) but do not think that seeing Jesus is something we should desire.

What does it mean to "...see Jesus" ? Let's not forget that Jesus was once a man that walked on the earth, who experienced and felt the same things we do (happiness, fear, loneliness, temptation), who through this never once sinned, who was crucified and was resurrected from the dead to pay the price for our sins and who is now sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding (i.e. pleading) continually for us. He invites us to come to Him with our problems and fears so that He may comfort us and give us the victory over them.

It's plain to see from this that our Lord Jesus Christ, the one whom we worship as God isn't some abstract idea or some unreachable deity that can be understood only by going through a mass of rules, regulations and ceremonies. He is a Living Person who wants to have an intimate, personal relationship with each one of us. He wants us to know Him even more perfectly than we know our husband or wife or best friend. It boggles the mind that the Almighty God wants such an interaction with sinful people like ourselves - and yet it's true!

So how can we have such a relationship with Jesus? Let's ask for (and really desire) the same thing those Greeks wanted so many years ago -- "Sir, we want to see Jesus". If we really want to know Him we will:

- * believe and confess to him and to the world that he is our God and Saviour (Rom. 10:9-10)

- * spend time reading the Bible because it is the inspired Word of God and tells us all about the character of Jesus, what he offers us and what he expects from us.

- * pray to Him, sharing ourselves with Him in thanksgiving and asking for things we need.

- * participate in the Sacraments because through them we truly share in His life.

And finally, we will tell others about this wonderful Person we know and love so that they can also come and "... see Jesus."

Terry Bozikis
Fellowship Chairman

EDITORIAL

Since we undertook the task of producing Gospyan News, many people we know approached us, some out of curiosity and some just pure amazement, asking us why we did it. After our first attempts at Journalism reporting on the adventures of Kosta Kefteda (The greatest Gospyan superhero who ever lived), we were bombarded by thousands of letters from persons whose lives had been changed. There were all sorts of letters - happy ones, sad ones, excited ones, mad ones and a particularly thickish one from the IRA which we haven't opened yet.

Dimitroula Katsohavanagiannopoulos writes:

... I used to be a 40-kilo weakling. Everyone used to pick on me. I had no friends. My life was a mess. But then I read about Kosta, and I realized that there were people wierder, stranger and with longer names than me. My life changed. Thank you.

Peter Brown writes:

... I read your article every newsletter. I cannot wait to see it. I rush to the letterbox, grab the envelope and tear it open. The rest of my friends in the asylum like it too.

So, we decided we would volunteer for the position of editor and coeditor and help more unfortunate people.

We feel that the Gospyan News is the link of Gospya with its members, and that it is important that the contents of the newsletter are both interesting and informative. We would like to see Gospyan News reach new heights in excellence, but in order to do this we need your help. In particular, we are looking for sections able to be included in such sections as *Kotsombolia*. Although the traditional content of *Kotsombolia* may remain, it also serves as a convenient place for members to voice their messages, congratulations and announcements.

We would also like to start an advice collumn, and any input from the members would be very welcome. If you have a problem and you want it solved, just ask Dimitroula. (Although the advice given has no guarantees)

Feature articles are in great demand. We would really like to see your idea sent in, no matter what it is. Thanks to Maria Callos for her interesting Puzzle. It should help waste a few hours at work!

Until next month, goodbye from

Steven and Matthew

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Terry Bozikis

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself to all those who don't know me. My name is Terry Bozikis and I'm the new Fellowship Chairman for 1989. This year we will continue our fortnightly Friday night meetings (The next one is on the 21st of April) at 7:30 pm. We hope that these will invoke some prayer, teaching and more light-hearted activities (perhaps even a camp). Everyone's participation is encouraged and welcomed (You'll only get out of it what you put in) so that the Gospel of our Faith can be presented in a meaningful and relevant way to the Greek Youth of our parish.

See you on Friday!

Terry Bozikis
Fellowship Chairman

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Happy Easter, Everybody!

Welcome to another edition of GOSPYAN NEWS.

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to mention how great it was to see so many people at our successful Metropolis Taverna Night on 9th of April. I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to see you all at our next function.

GOSPYA would like to congratulate Zam Pavlakis on her being nominated to Miss GOSPYA for 1989. We wish her all the best for May 6th at the judging of Miss Greek Community 1989. Hoping to see you all supporting Zam at the Greek Community Centre on May 6. Good Luck, Zam, I'm sure you'll make GOSPYA proud.

Thank you to APYGON for an enjoyable car rally. Unfortunately, due to bad weather on April 2nd, the GOSPYA/APYGON car rally was postponed until 9th of April, when fifty (50) people raced around the Brisbane suburbs trying to answer the question sheet, navigate and outsmart and outdrive the other competitors. I'd like to congratulate the winners and their brilliant driving efforts.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves, including those who came along just for the Hot Dogs!

Finally, I'd like to invite you all to the GOSP Annual Easter Dance on Sunday 30 April 1989. Get a pareia together and book a table.

(Ring me on 349-9973 to ensure you get a table).

Hoping to see you all at Church.

Happy Easter to you and to your family.

Kalo Paska

Bye for now

Yvonne.

SOCIAL REPORT

Zam Pavlakis / Fiona Zouppas

As this years' social directors we will be organizing various social functions for you, to make the 1989 social calendar the best so far.

The support we recieved at our first function as a new venue (Metropolis) was a phenomenal success, and well enjoyed by all that attended. We greatly appreciate the attendance we recieved from youth from other youth groups.

Keep it up, Guys. You ain't seen nothing yet!!!!

We would also like to thank Peter Milaras, who on behalf of BODYWORKS at Mount Gravatt, donated prizes, which were given away on the night.

UP AND COMING FUNCIONS

** 6th MAY	-- MISS COMMUNITY QUEST	- GREEK CLUB
** 16th JULY	-- FASHION PARADE	- VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Anyone interested in modelling or helping in the organization please contact Fiona (349 7021)
or (849 5043).

** 7th OCT -- ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL

Any girls interested in doing their debut this year or interested in advertising in this year's magazine, contact Fiona or myself.

If anyone has any suggestions for any up and coming functions, please feel free to contact us and give us your ideas. We are more than willing to listen.

Until we see you out 'n' about,

PARTY ON!

ZAM AND FIONA

The Characters



YANNIS
KONTOSTANDOULANTO-
KATOS.

An all-new villain. He picked this inconspicuous name as a cover. Can you tell who he is from the clues?



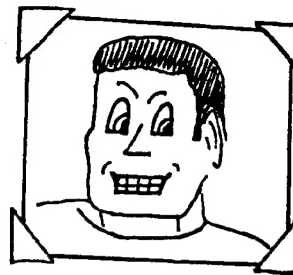
PETRO PASTITSIO

Kosta's ever-loyal sidekick (except when he's double-crossing). Petro has mended his evil ways and is back to fight for Truth, justice and the Gospyan way.



THANASSI
BAKLAVADOPOULOS.
JR.

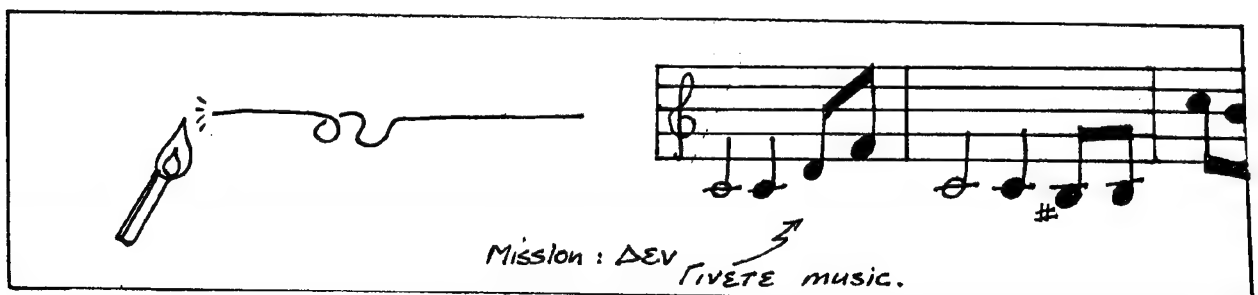
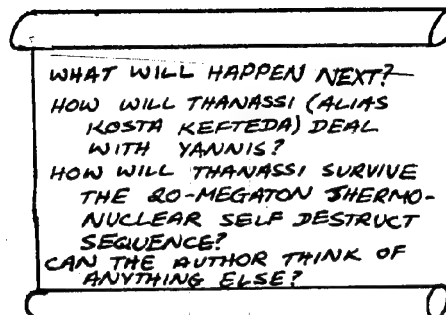
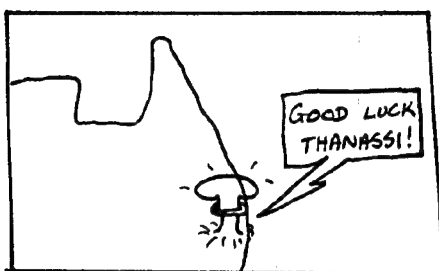
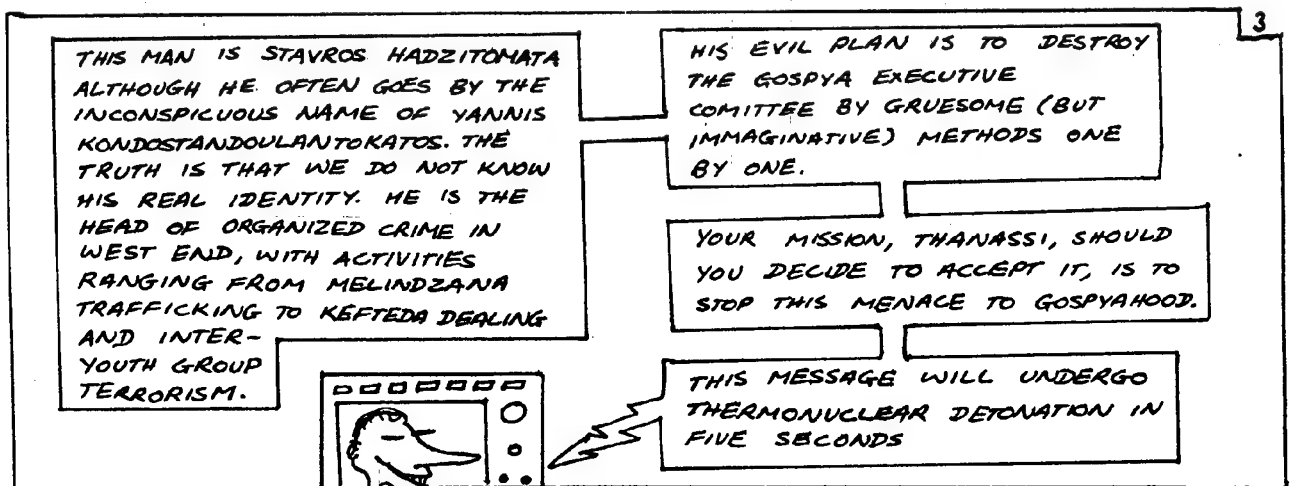
A True Gospyan. A wimp at heart, which he tries to disguise by driving an EXA. But a simple transformation turns him into...



KOSTAS KEFTEDAS

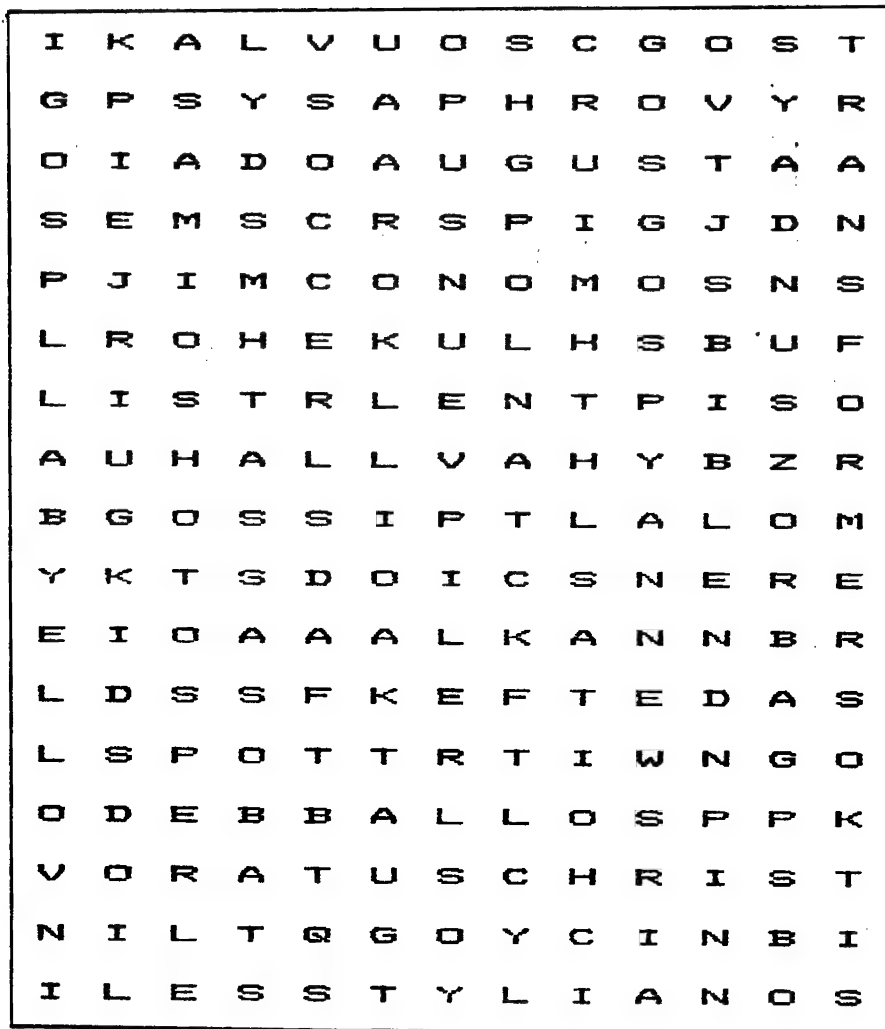
The greatest gospyan superhero who ever lived. (We all know there are a lot of average Gospyan Superheroes).

MISSION: ΔΕΝ ΓΙΝΕΤΕ



WORDFINDER

Maria Callos



Clues to the hidden words:

1. Letters at the top of Christ's cross.
2. First name of Gospya's mythical Superhero.
3. Title of the Newsletter.
4. Past president (Hint - "pin") --- -----
5. Annual Gospyan Gala Event.
6. Real name of "Dr J" ---- -----
7. Albert Street venue for GOSPYA Taverna nights.
8. Venue for Fellowship.
9. The GOSP centre is commonly referred to as our ----.
10. The most widely read book in the world.
11. Most popular male GOSPCHAN ballgame.

12. Social ballgame on Monday Nights.
13. Surname of GOSPYA's superhero.
14. Most popular GOSPYAN meat dish
(especially for Fellowship luncheons)
15. Greek national dance.
16. Archbishop's name.
17. Charlotte Street venue for Taverna Nights.
18. The month our Church celebrates
the Assumption of Our Lady.
19. Acronym for the Youth Council.
20. Surname of past fellowship chairman.
21. Day of the week on which Liturgy is held at Church.
22. The 40 days of fasting before Easter.
23. "-----, our Saviour".
24. Most popular Greek sport.
25. "Live Your Orthodox -----".
26. Acronym for our parish.
27. First name of last year's president.
28. Past president --- Sclavos.

Find all of the clues in the letters shown above. The letters which remain after all of the clues have been crossed off form a very important phrase about GOSPYA.

Prizes will be given to the first three correct entries recieved.

Send entries to

Gospya Competition, PO Box 477 Mt. Gravatt 4122.

KOUTSOBOLIA

* Congratulations to Theo Stathis and Mimi Kaloutsis on your engagement.

* Rainia Notaras (Our newest Brisbanite from NSW) celebrated her birthday at Transformers with a group of mostly male friends. Looks like she's having a lot more fun than the GOSPYAN girls!

* Congratulations to Anna Conomos (Secretary to GOSPYA on her 21st Birthday.

* Bon Voyage to Manuel Adams. We all hope you have a safe trip to Greece and enjoy your holiday.

* We congratulate Maritsa & Stathe Fardoulis on their new baby girl. We also congratulate both the Samios and Fardoulis families & our uncle Andrew.

* Can you guess which committee member was found in a compromising situation at the Melbourne conference? (Turn to Out 'n' About)

* Congratulations to Maria Sarikas & Peter Orphanides who were recently



A FACE ONLY A
MOTHER COULD LOVE



METROPOLIS
TAVERNA
NIGHT (09.04.89)



MMM.....
WHAT A HUNK!



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
JOHN!



THE INVALIDS
↓





GIVE ME
A KISS!



DON'T
GO!!
↓



WOGS OUT OF WORK
↓ ↓



★
IT'S A
HARD
LIFE...
BUT
SOMEONE'S
GOT TO
DO IT!!
↓



SPORTS REPORT

Peter Delibaltas

As you may already know, the Sports Committee consists of the following people:

SPIRO LENTAKIS
JENNY SCLAVOS
PETER DELIBALTAS.

This year more than ever sports will feature as a major part of GOSPYAN functions. Each member of the committee is keen to hear any new ideas which GOSPYANS would like implemented into the sporting area. They are all approachable people and don't bite (usually), so please communicate your suggestions as they will be most appreciated.

On with business and the sports roundup for this month.

Car Rally

On Sunday, April 9th, GOSPYA in conjunction with APYGON held the annual car rally. This event usually proves popular with all the petrolheads and this year was no exception. Congratulations goes to all the place getters and to those who made it home without having to contact their car insurance agency on Monday. Special thanks goes to the organizers, including GOSPYAN ALL-STAR Wally Leris (John Vidas), and APYGON for putting together a great day. Thanks for your support.

Basketball

GOSPYANS will this year have a feast of basketball talent to sink their teeth into. Two teams are representing GOSPYA this season, GOSPYA BLUE is playing MENS SEVEN, and GOSPYA white is playing MENS THREE. Both teams have so far won one out of two games and are scheduled to play each Sunday night.

Your support for both teams would be most appreciated, so give a TAVERNA NIGHT a miss for an hour and get along to a game.

Soccer

Again this year we have our successful soccer team lining up for a great season. With a great record so far this team is going great guns and it looks like they will be laughing all the way to the finals (we hope). This year's MASCOT/PLAYER, "Pigdog", (Michael Comino) or affectionately known to the team as "dog" is proving to be a savage beast on the field. Your support for the boys' games would be most appreciated. Why watch SBS? See it live.

Netball

The netball season has gain commenced with GOSPYA featuring one team in the indoor competition on Monday nights at Mansfield, and two teams in the Wednesday Night Competition at Macgregor. The girls tell me they would like some support so let's see one or two people there next time. The basketballers can't keep turning up forever. The girls will be only too happy to fill you in on game times.

Volleyball

Don't worry folks, this is the last on the list! This popular little Monday night event is showing phenomenal success. yes, the volleyball craze has caught on and we would love to see some new faces. Held every Monday night at Mansfield State High School, the starting time is 7:30 pm.

Well, that about wraps up this month's sport report. Hope I mentioned all the sporting teams I was supposed to. If I didn't, well that's tough. Next time, fill me in and I will incorporate it in our Sports Report.



JOHNNY K's
"Boys"

May



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EASTER	1	2	3	4	5 YVONNE'S BIRTHDAY 20TH	6 MISS GRACE COMMUNITY GUEST AT GREEK CLUB
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 SPIRO'S BIRTHDAY
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 ANDREW'S BIRTHDAY	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

June



SUNDAY NIGHTS
BASKETBALL

MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS
NETBALL
(Monday at Mansfield,
Wednesday at MacGregor)

MONDAY
NIGHTS
Volleyball at
Mansfield State
High School
7:30 p.m.

16 JULY : FASHION PARADE

7 OCT : ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL